

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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NEIGHBOURHOOD APPAREL TEXTILE TRAINING INSTITUTE FOR JOB ASSURANCE

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Neighbourhood Apparel & Textile Training Institute for Job Assurance (NATJA) are functioning at present in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the aims and objectives of NATJA;
- (c) the number of persons benefited during each year of Tenth Plan and proposed to be benefited each year of Eleventh Plan under NATJA, State-wise; and
- (d) the funds allocated, released and spent thereon during each year of Tenth Plan and thereafter till date, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

(a) to (c): The Scheme of "Neighbourhood Apparel & Textile Training Institutes for Job Assurance (NATJA)" has been formulated during the Eleventh Plan period for establishing a network of employment-linked training facilities in basic garment manufacturing technology. The Scheme is designed to meet the projected demand of 4 million trained workers required in the garment industry over the next 4-5 years. The Scheme, inter alia, aims at setting up training facilities at District and Sub-District levels across the country to provide gainful employment to the disadvantaged sections in the regional and local economy. The existing training institutions in the Government and the Private sector, including the Power-looms Service Centres (PSCs), Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), Polytechnics, Weaver Service Centres (WSCs), Textile Research Associations (TRAs), Apparel Training & Design Centres (ATDCs), etc., could be considered for locating such centres in the initial phase. The objective is to restructure/ re-orient the existing training institutes by upgrading their infrastructure commensurate with the needs of the Industry in the changing global market scenario. Creation of new training centres may be considered subsequently to meet the demand, as and when required. Since the Scheme is yet to be finalized, no further details are available at this stage.

(d): Does not arise.